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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Amendments and remarks presented by this amendment are responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 12, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 20050627) for which a response was due on October 12, 2005. A Notice of Appeal was timely filed on January 11, 2006, with a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a five-month extension of time, thereby extending the time for filing an Appeal Brief to August 11, 2006. Accordingly, this RCE and Amendment is timely filed. Entry of this amendment prior to continued examination on the merits and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, in light of the remarks presented herein, is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.